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REWRITING OF TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has undertaken rewriting of text books for schools; and

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor and the details of the exercise undertaken including the subjects chosen, classes and the authors selected for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Curriculum Development, one of the main activities of NCERT, is an ongoing process which has to be sensitive and responsive to societal changes and emerging challenges in the field of knowledge, pedagogy, scientific and technical developments. Earlier curriculum was more than twelve years old. Hence, NCERT had initiated the process of curriculum revision for school education leading to the release of the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE) document in November 2000. Based on the recommendations contained therein, detailed subject- wise syllabi have been prepared and corresponding new textbooks for all subjects are being developed. In the development of the new textbooks, NCERT draws upon the inputs and expertise of academicians, including teachers and subject area experts. When the text books are finally printed, the name of the experts associated with the development of textbooks are mentioned in them.